

## Message Text

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R 190252Z FEB 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: A/MED AU

SUBJECT: INFLUENZA OUTBREAK IN PRAGUE

REF: VIENNA 01144

1. HEW ADVISES THAT THERE IS NO FLU VIRUS IDENTIFIED AS  
'VIRGINIA STRAIN' PER REFTEL. PRAGUE OFFICIALS PROBABLY  
MEAN 'VICTORIA STRAIN.'

2. HEW ALSO ADVISES THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO  
CHARACTERIZE FLU VIRUSES BY VIRULENCE. VICTORIA STRAIN  
WAS IN MODERATE EPIDEMIC IN THE U S LAST YEAR, AFFECTING  
APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 15 OF POPULATION. ONLY SPORADIC  
CASES OCCUR IN U S AT PRESENT TIME. CERTAIN POPULATION  
GROUPS (EG. AGED, OR THOSE WITH UNDERLYING DISEASE) ARE  
MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO CONSEQUENCES OF INFLUENZA. SUCH  
DETERMINATION OF THESE CONSEQUENCES CAN ONLY BE MADE BY  
MEDICAL EVALUATION ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS OR AFTER SUBJECT  
POPULATION IS THOROUGHLY CHARACTERIZED DEMOGRAPHICALLY.

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## Message Attributes

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